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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

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RE: FCC 00-455, ET Docket No. 00-258/RM-9920 and 9911

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to express our concern over our license for Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS) station. We are disappointed that the FCC would consider changing the ITFS educational spectrum to develop third generation wireless (3G) services.

As you are aware, the existing (ITFS) spectrum enables us to provide a multitude of educational services such as wireless video and future broadband services, including the possibility of high speed Internet access. We are concerned about the loss of investment associated with our existing service and that the new spectrum would not enable us to provide these applications equally well.

The risk of losing potential use of the spectrum license concerns us greatly. We have partnered with others to provide wireless broadband services to schools and underserved communities. Currently, over 200 educational institutions and their partners provide similar services. The existing spectrum enables underserved areas to have access to the exciting applications of broadband technology, bridging the digital divide.

For 40 years, the ITFS has enabled educators to provide crucial services. We hope you will seriously consider the implications of removing this license structure.

Sincerely,

Diane E. Robertson
Diane E. Robertson, Superintendent

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